

Willie Little

Born

1961 Pactolus Township, North Carolina

Education

1984 Bachelor of Arts from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

Solo Exhibitions

- 2025 *Red, White and BLAK: The Black Woman-Key to American Culture*, Walter Maciel Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2023 *I Do Not Want What I Have Not Got*, Russo Lee Gallery, Portland, OR
In the Raw, Rice Polak Gallery, Provincetown, MA
- 2022 *In My Own Little Corner*, Oregon Contemporary, Portland, OR
- 2021 *America's Original Sin*, Rosa Parks Museum, Montgomery, AL
- 2020 *The Shacks My Daddy Built*, Froelick Gallery, Portland, OR
- 2019 *Miles to Go Before We Sleep*, Froelick Gallery, Portland, OR
- 2018 *Nodder Doll/Living Doll, Kinfolks*, Froelick Gallery, Portland, OR
- 2017 Rice Polak Gallery, Provincetown, MA
- 2016 10th Annual Black History Exhibition, Arts Center of Greenwood, Greenwood, SC
- 2015 Rice/Polak Gallery, Provincetown, MA
- 2014 *In the Hood*, The New Gallery of Modern Art, Charlotte, NC
- 2011 *Totems to a Past*, Pounder Kone' Artspace, Los Angeles, CA
- 2010 *Juke Joint*: Diggs Gallery, Winston Salem State University
- 2009 *Juke Joint*: YMI Cultural Center, Asheville, NC
In Mixed Company, California African American Museum, Los Angeles, CA
Rice/Polak Gallery, Provincetown, MA
- 2008 *In Mixed Company*: Levine Museum of the New South, Charlotte, NC and Joie
- 2007 Rice/Polak Gallery, Charlotte, MA
- 2005 Rice/Polak Gallery, Charlotte, MA
- 2004 Andrea Schwartz Gallery, San Francisco, CA
Modernbook Gallery, Palo Alto, CA
Julie Baker Fine Art, Grass Valley, CA
- 2003-2004 *Juke Joint*: Smithsonian Institution, Arts and Industries, Wash. DC and American Jazz Museum, Kansas City, MO
- 2003 Rice/Polak Gallery, Provincetown, MA
Lew Allen Contemporary Gallery, Santa Fe NM
Noel Gallery, Charlotte, NC
Julie Baker Fine Art, Grass Valley, CA
- 2002 *Juke Joint*: African American Museum, Philadelphia and Center for Documentary Studies, Duke Univ Durham, NC
Black As...looking beyond the stereotype: Noel Gallery, Charlotte, NC
- 2000 *A Door to American Culture*, Installation (Chivas Regal Residency Commission)
Afro American Cultural Center, Charlotte, NC
Through the Window Into My Grandmother's Garden, Noel Gallery, Charlotte, NC
Kinfolks Installation, Tobacco Farm Life Museum, Kenly, NC
Juke Joint: Dallas African- American Museum Dallas, Texas and African-American Museum Wichita, KS

Solo Exhibitions (continued)

- 1999 *Juke Joint: Traveling Installation: Afro-American Cultural Center, Charlotte, NC and Charles H Wright Museum of African- American History, Detroit, MI*
Noel Gallery, Charlotte, NC
- 1998 *Kinfolks*, Noel Gallery, Charlotte, NC
- 1997 *Juke Joint: Traveling Installation: Harriet Tubman African -American Museum, Macon, GA*
Greenhill Center for the Arts, Greensboro, NC
McKissick Museum, Columbia, SC
Penn Center for the Arts. St Helena Island, SC
- 1996 *Juke Joint: Traveling Installation: Afro- American Cultural Center, Charlotte, NC; The College of Charleston, Charleston, SC and Afro- American Cultural Center, Charlotte, NC*
- 1995 *One Hundred Percent Natural*, Heritage House, Charlotte, NC
- 1994 *Slaves to Fashion*, Supra Natural Style 1994, Atlanta GA
- 1993 *Slaves to Fashion*, Pfeiffer College, Charlotte, NC and Newberry College, Newberry SC
Cleveland Community College, Shelby NC
- 1992 *Slaves to Fashion*, Spirit Square Center for the Arts, Charlotte NC
- 1990 *Girls in Basic Black*, YMI Cultural Center Asheville, NC

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2023 *The Vault; Private Collections of four Black Art Collectors*, Mint Museum, Charlotte, NC
Black Artists of Oregon, Portland Art Museum, OR
Friends of Dorothy, Patricia Reser Center for the Arts, Beaverton, OR
- 2022 *Black Lives Matter Exhibition*, Jordan Schnitzer Museum, Portland State University, OR
- 2021 *Celebrating Black History Month*, SFMOMA Artists Gallery, February 2021, San Francisco, CA
Making Waves: Artists Speak Out, Rice/Polak Gallery, Provincetown, MA, 202
- 2020 Hamptons, Virtual Expo Summer 2020
UnGodly, Disjecta Contemporary Art Center, Portland, OR
Rice/Polak Gallery, Provincetown, MA
- 2019 *America's Whispered Truths*, Clark College, Vancouver, WA
Celebrating Contemporary Black Artists: An Exhibition at TPG Global, SFMOMA Artists Gallery, San Francisco, CA
Celebrating Contemporary Black Artists, An Exhibition at Asana, SFMOMA Artists Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 2018 Froelick Gallery, Portland, OR
Rice/Polak Gallery, Provincetown, MA
- 2016 *NX/2 Quadratfuss Exhibition*, Berlin, Germany
Rice/Polak Gallery, Provincetown, MA
- 2015 *Art + Dialogue*, Greensboro College, Greensboro, NC
- 2014 Rice/Polak Gallery, Provincetown, MA
Evolve, the Gallery, Sacramento, CA
- 2013 New Gallery of Modern Art, Charlotte, NC
- 2012 Rice/Polak Gallery, Provincetown, MA

Selected Group Exhibitions (continued)

- 2011 Temporary Contemporary Gallery, Sacramento, CA
Sculpture Today: New Forces, New Forms, Frederick Meijer Gardens, Grand Rapids, MI
- 2010 *Some Assembly Required*, Craft and Folk Art Museum, Los Angeles, CA
Rice Polak Gallery, Provincetown, MA
Past Forward, African American Culture Complex, San Francisco, CA
Infix: The Grammar of Insertion, SFMoMA Artist's Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 2009 *Here & Now*, New South, A Joie Lassiter Gallery, Charlotte, NC
Decade...10 Artists for the Center's First 10 Years, McColl Center for Visual Art, Charlotte, NC
Some Assembly Required, Sesnon Art Gallery, UC Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA
- 2008 *Scene in America: A Contemporary Look at the Black Male Image*, Mint Museum of Art, Charlotte, NC
- 2007 Julie Baker Gallery, Nevada City, CA
- 2006 Rice/Polak Gallery, Provincetown, MA
Julie Baker Gallery, Nevada City, CA
- 2005 *International Assemblage Exhibition*, Gallery 24, Berlin, Germany
Abstraction: The Poetic Visual Image, Bolinas Museum, Bolinas, CA
Julie Baker Gallery, Grass Valley, CA
- 2004 *International Assemblage Exhibition*, Gallery 24, Berlin, Germany
Common Ground: Discovering Community in 150 Years of Art, Corcoran Museum, Washington, DC
Ascension: A Legacy of African American Artists in North Carolina, Diggs Gallery, Winston Salem State University, NC
Rice Polk Gallery, Provincetown, MA
War, Peace and Civil Liberties, Berkeley Art Center, Berkeley, CA
Julie Baker, Fine Art, Grass Valley, CA
- 2003 *Old South/New South*, Levine Museum of the New South, Charlotte, NC
Gender, Tools and Technology, University of the Pacific, Stockton, CA
Abstracts 2003, Rice/Polak Gallery, Provincetown, MA
- 2002 *The Hourglass Project: Baggage, Caversham Press Prints*, South Africa, Alliance Francaise/French Cultural Centre, Gabarone, Botswana Frans Masereel Centre, Kasteriee, Q, Belgium; Alliance Francaise/French Cultural Centre: Pretoria, South Africa; Maputo, Mozambique Capetown, South Africa; Durban, South Africa; Port Elizabeth, South Africa; Johannesburg, South Africa
Roswell Arts Center, Roswell, GA
- 2001 *Black Face/White Face*, Lew Allen Contemporary Gallery, Santa Fe New Mexico
Myth, Memory and Imagination: Hampton University, Hampton, VA; McKissick Museum, Columbia, SC; North Dakota Museum of Art; Arkansas Art Center, Arkansas; Memphis Brooks Museum, Memphis Tennessee; Columbus Museum of Art, Columbus GA
Baggage, Prints from Caversham Press, South Africa, Tryon Center for Visual Arts, Charlotte NC
The Hourglass Project: Baggage, City Gallery Chastain. Atlanta, GA
Home Grown, Celebrating Arts in North Carolina, Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art, Winston Salem, NC
Like A Prayer: A Jewish and Christian Presence in Contemporary Art, Tryon Center for Visual Art

Selected Group Exhibitions (continued)

- 2000 Rice/Polak Gallery, Provincetown, MA
People, Places, Things, Lew Allen Contemporary Gallery, Santa Fe, NM
Common Threads, Lew Allen Contemporary Gallery, Santa Fe NM
The Artists of Charlotte, Fayetteville Museum of Art, Fayetteville, NC
- 1999 *Myth, Memory and Imagination*, Mckissick Museum. Columbia, SC
Residents 1999/2000 Artists @Tryon Center for Visual Art, Spirit Square
Charlotte, NC
Annual Photography Show, Rice/Polak Gallery, Provincetown, MA
Crossing Cultures, Lew Allen Contemporary Gallery, Santa Fe, NM
- 1994 *Recent African- American Art In North Carolina*, Traveling Juried Exhibit
Afro-American Cultural Center
Hayti Cultural Center Durham, NC
- 1990 *Freedom of Expression*, Spirit Square Center for the Arts, Charlotte, NC
- 1989 *N. C. Printmakers Show*, Art & Antiques Amusements Gallery, Charlotte, NC

Awards

- 2023 Mallowney Printmaking Residency, Portland
Muscle Shoals Music Makers Incentive Program
- 2021-22 Creative Heights Grant from The Oregon Community Foundation
- 2021 Glean Portland, Residency
- 2020 Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art Black Lives Matter Artist Grant
- 2019 Ash Street Project Ceramics Residency & Summer Session
- 2016 Pop-up Residency, McColl Center for Art & Innovation
- 2012 Haven Foundation Grant
Gottlieb Foundation Emergency Grant
- 2010 Pollock Krasner Foundation Grant
- 2006 Pollack Krasner Foundation Grant
- 2003 Special Grant, Arts & Science Council
- 2002 Headlands Center for the Arts Residency, Sausalito, California
- 2000 Creative Fellowship, NC Arts & Science Council
Caversham Press Printmaking Residency, Kwa Zulu Natal, South Africa
Chivas Regal Artist-In- Residence and Commission
- 1999 Cultural Heritage Artist of the Year
Artist Residency at Tryon Center for Visual Art
- 1996 Artist Project Grant from the NC Arts Council
- 1994 Emerging Artists Grant from the NC Arts & Science Council

Lectures/Workshops

- PAMLA 23 Seminar Artful Memory, Portland, OR
Rosa Parks Museum, Montgomery, AL
Froelick Gallery, Portland, OR
SFMOMA Artist's Gallery, San Francisco, CA
Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA
Craft and Folk Art Museum forum with Betye Saar, Los Angeles, CA
Sesnon Gallery, Porter College, UC Santa Cruz, CA

Lectures/Workshops (continued)

Levine Museum of the New South, Charlotte, NC
CCAC , Oakland California
Headlands Center for the Arts, Sausalito, CA
University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa
University of Capetown, Capetown, South Africa
Bittney Springs High School, Nevada City, CA
University of the Pacific, Stockton, CA
Center for Documentary Studies, Duke University
Mint Museum of Art, Charlotte, NC
Piedmont Middle School, Charlotte, NC
Northwest School of the Arts, Charlotte, NC
Afro American Cultural Center, Charlotte, NC
Tryon Center for Visual Art, Charlotte, NC
Cabarras Art Guild, Concord, NC